(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) It has not been evaluated.

(b) There is no such scheme under the Ministry of Welfare.

(c) Does not arise.

Cotton Production in Madhya Pradesh

2752. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh is one of the cotton growing State in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of cotton in that State;

(c) the target fixed and achievement made in cotton production in the State during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the production has declined during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) is under implementation for increasing the production and productivity of cotton in the major cotton growing States including Madhya Pradesh. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is being provided for Production and distribution of seeds, demonstration, plant protection measures, irrigation and farmers training.

(c) The target fixed and achievement made in Cotton production in the State of Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years are as follows:-

(In lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each)

Year	*Targets*	*Production of Cotton*
1988-90	2.94	3.54
1989-90	3.60	4.12
1990-91	4.50	3.80

(d) and (e). The final estimates of production of cotton have not yet become due from the States. However, as per current assessment, the production of cotton during the 1991-92 is expected to be around 96.14 lakh bales that is slightly lower than the production level of 97.59 lakh bales achieved during 1990-91. The main reason of decrease in production of cotton is attributed to unfavorable weather conditions at the growth period of the crop in Gujarat and Maharashtra among the major growing States.

(f) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Intensive Cotton Development programme (ICDP) is under implementation for increasing the production and productivity of cotton in the major cotton growing States. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is being provided for production and distribution of seeds, demonstration, plant protection measures, irrigation and farmers training.

Issue of Licences to Industrial and Commercial Units in Delhi

2753. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: